

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting September 9, 2003

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Richard Pitt, Chairman
Jeffrey Fargason, Vice Chairman
Henry Williams
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Dr. Jack Borders
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Chairman Pitt established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:02 a.m.

Election of Officers: Tabled until the December meeting.

Vaughn Bray made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** from the June 10, 2003 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Policy Manual: A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to **approve** the policy manual as presented. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was approved by the Board. (Attachment #1)

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Charles Denmark to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Jeff Fargason and was **approved** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAP000016	Jones, Thomas Daniel	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000017	Stiber, Mary Katharina	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000018	Lloyd, Steven Alvin	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAA000008	Barger, James Walter	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000009	Bullington, Richard Herschel	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000010	Simmons, Grady Dennis, III	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000011	Yoo, Young Yang	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser

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HAA000012	Bezabih, Wossen M	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HADS000751	Barger, James Walter	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000752	Simmons, Grady Dennis, III	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000753	Bezabih, Wossen M	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000754	McElveen, Katrina R	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000755	Warmby, Victor	Hearing Aid Dispenser

Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education: A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders to **post** the rule as amended. The motion was seconded by Jeff Fargason and was **approved** by the Board. (Attachment #2)

Rule 276-13 Unprofessional Conduct and Professionally Immoral Acts: A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders to **post** the rule. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **approved** by the Board. (Attachment #3)

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.

Thomas M. Cummings: The Board reviewed information received from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation regarding borrower default on repayment of student loan on Mr. Cummings. A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to **suspend** Mr. Cummings' license to practice as a hearing aid dispenser, license number HADS000727, for **failure to repay a student loan**, and further moved that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Mail Order and Internet Practice: The Board reviewed advice from the Board Attorney regarding mail order and internet practice as **informational only**.

Changes to statute: Tabled until the December meeting.

Jeff Fargason made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to review investigations/complaint information. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and voting in favor of the motion

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were those present who included, Vaughn Bray, Henry Williams, Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner, Charles Denmark and Rick Pitt. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

K.M.B.: A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to **revoke** the apprentice dispenser permit pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-20-9 for failure to stand for the examination. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to approve the following recommendations regarding **cases** reported on by the Cognizant Board member and by the Board attorney. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Jeffrey Fargason, Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following cases:
 - HA030013 Recommendation to close the case.

Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- Cheryl Kinsey Recommendation to close two cases with a signed Public Consent Order and fine and also refer the matter to the Audiology Board.

Anita Martin, Executive Director's Report

- Provided update on renewals
- Provided information on Bill of Sale Review – Committee of Rick Pitt, Jeff Fargason, Henry Williams and Vaughn Bray will meet to review

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2003 at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jeff Fargason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 A.M.